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LA CHARTRE ET LES MURS DU JURISTE

La lettre ouverte de Professeur Leckey (publiée en page 4 de ce numéro, de même que sur les sites Internet de La Presse et du Huffington Post Québec) propose de replacer le débat entourant la Charte de la laïcité sur une question fondamentale : "[E]st-il juste, au Québec, de congédier des employés de l'État, autrement compétents et efficaces, pour le simple port de symboles religieux?"

Cette question essentielle se place en partie hors du monde juridique et s'aventure sur le terrain politique en s'interrogeant sur la justice (au sens large) d'une telle conséquence. Or, le politique est un environnement qui nous est pour la plupart inconnu et dont notre formation de juriste nous isole plus souvent qu'autrement.

Il est si facile, après avoir acquis des connaissances sur les Chartes canadienne et québécoise - et sur leur interprétation judiciaire - de faire des remontrances à ceux qui voudraient en diverger. Il est tellement réconfortant de s'emmurer dans nos explications sur l'importance de la liberté de religion, sur l'interprétation de l'article 2. Il peut sembler intéressant de spéculer sur la potentielle justification des dispositions de la Charte de la laïcité sous les articles 1 et 9.1. Et plusieurs juristes frappent sur ces clous comme si le marteau du droit était inéluctable.

Et pourtant, comme l'indique Professeur Leckey, "une [éventuelle] élection se tiendra forcément sur une question de nature plus politique" que juridique. La pertinence de notre tour de juriste est donc limitée à l'étape actuelle du débat.

Alors que la commission parlementaire qui se penche sur le projet de loi accueille des dizaines de citoyens et d'organisations, on constate que les arguments juridiques sont presque systématiquement relégués au dernier rang, derrière les histoires de zombie et de mosquées marocaines (<http://youtu.be/TdUn5aC2uBE>).

D'ailleurs, l'opinion du Barreau sur le projet de loi a peut-être fait les manchettes pour une demi-journée, une journée tout au mieux, avant qu'on retombe dans les discours purement politiques. Visiblement, une bonne partie de la population est immune aux arguments juridiques, de sorte qu'il faudra jouer sur un terrain différent si nous voulons avoir l'ambition de la convaincre.

The reasons of this lack of interest for juridical arguments are many, and most of them were existent before the present debate. However, over the last few months, governmental statements have contributed to a general disbelief in the importance of the juridical discourse. Refusing to publish the legal opinions obtained before drafting the legislation and brushing off quickly any contrary legal opinion later on (the Bar and the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse, particularly) have been accessory in characterizing the jurists as irrelevant.

Perhaps is this another step towards the "décrochage judiciaire" that many judges and jurists have observed during the last few years. However, this change of attitude should not leave us powerless. Instead, it should encourage us to break the walls of our discipline and get more involved in other types of discourses. We must realize that law is nothing without the confidence of the public, and that this confidence can't be sustained by pure juridical arguments.

The juridical remains relevant, but shouldn't serve as a political ammunition. It will operate when its time comes, when the first challenges are brought against the Charter of values, if it ever becomes law. But in the meantime it is a battlefield that will not yield any victory.

ROBERT
LECKEY

CHARTE DE LA LAÏCITÉ: POSONS-NOUS LA VRAIE QUESTION

*NDLR : Cet article a originalement été publié le 29 janvier 2014 dans *La Presse* (« La vraie question ») et sur le site Internet du *Huffington Post Québec*. Il est reproduit ici avec l'autorisation de l'auteur.*

Alimentées par les sondages, les rumeurs nous assurent que nous nous dirigeons vers une élection printanière, voire même hivernale. L'économie étant reléguée au second rang, l'élection sera un référendum sur la Charte de la laïcité. Il est temps de préciser la question sur laquelle portera cette élection référendaire.

À cette fin, mettons de côté plusieurs questions qui, quoiqu'importantes, ne méritent pas pour diverses raisons d'être au cœur d'une éventuelle élection. L'État québécois doit-il être laïc? Doit-on protéger l'égalité homme-femme? Est-il souhaitable que les nouveaux arrivants intègrent la société québécoise? Un consensus semble se dégager sur ces enjeux.

La Charte contrevient-elle aux droits fondamentaux protégés par la Charte québécoise des droits de la personne et par la Charte canadienne des droits et libertés? Cette question juridique est pertinente, mais une élection se tiendra forcément sur une question de nature plus politique. De toute manière, les clauses nonobstant laissent à nos élus la possibilité de légiférer en dépit des droits fondamentaux s'ils en décident ainsi.

La question cruciale est la suivante: est-il juste, au Québec, de congédier des employés de l'État, autrement compétents et efficaces, pour le simple port de symboles religieux?

Certes, le projet de loi 60 n'en parle pas sans ambages. N'empêche que cette question se dégage inéluctablement d'une lecture attentive du texte. D'abord, le texte énonce la restriction relative au port d'un signe religieux. Ensuite, il dit que cette disposition est réputée faire partie intégrante des conditions de travail des personnes visées. Enfin, il prévoit l'imposition de mesures disciplinaires à la suite de manquements à la restriction.

Dans le milieu de travail, un manquement répété et soutenu aux obligations faisant partie intégrante des conditions de travail mène éventuellement au congédiement. Est-ce que le port de symboles religieux est incompatible avec un emploi gouvernemental, lorsqu'il n'est accompagné d'aucun autre signe ou geste donnant lieu à la crainte de partialité ou de déloyauté d'un employé? Est-il équivalent aux autres types de manquements graves aux obligations du contrat de travail? Écartons le fait que certains employés de l'État modifieront leur conduite afin de se conformer à l'éventuelle Charte. D'autres ne le feront pas. Ce sont ces derniers qui seront affectés par la Charte et qui risqueront de perdre leurs emplois.

Admettons que les conditions de travail puissent être modifiées. Par exemple, les pratiques en matière de sécurité ou d'hygiène peuvent changer fréquemment pendant la carrière d'un employé de l'État comme un infirmier ou une infirmière. Le refus obstiné de se conformer à de nouvelles exigences peut mener au congédiement. Dans quelle mesure convient-il de transplanter cette réalité du milieu de travail à la Charte de la laïcité?

Normalement, les pratiques demandées aux employés, dont les infirmiers et infirmières, sont basées sur des données scientifiques. De plus, l'imposition de nouvelles normes est le résultat d'une analyse coûts-bénéfices. Dans le cas de la Charte, aucune étude scientifique n'appuie les nouvelles conditions de travail proposées. Le gouvernement n'a pas non plus révélé la moindre analyse des effets prévisibles de l'application du projet à sa main-d'œuvre.

En outre, la Charte transformera en faute grave un comportement qualifié jusqu'ici d'exercice d'une liberté fondamentale. Les conditions sociales se sont-elles transformées au point de justifier ce changement radical dans nos politiques de travail?

Surmontons la distraction des faux débats et concentrons-nous sur la question concrète. Nous aurons beau croire en nos valeurs; est-il juste de congédier ceux chez qui elles ne se manifestent pas de la même manière?

SPANISH INQUI-CHICKEN ENCORE, S'IL-VOUS-POULET !

Mesdames et messieurs, tenez-vous bien. La vedette de ce soir nous provient d'une terre splendide et lointaine. Plus séduisante que Pénélope Cruz et aussi audacieuse qu'Antonio Banderas, je vous présente la recette qui vous vaudra des applaudissements enflammés à table. Elle vaut bien plus qu'un Zorro.

Ce n'est pas n'importe quel poulet. Ma mère (qui n'est décidément pas espagnole) se fait prier de faire cette recette chaque dimanche. La plupart du temps, ça ne lui dérange pas, puisqu'elle est si facile à faire. En effet, vous pouvez la préparer et l'oublier au four pendant une heure pendant que vous faites vos lectures (boo). Ou autre chose (yes !).

Note : Cette recette est inspirée du Spanish Roast Chicken de Jamie Oliver (qui, lui non plus, n'est pas espagnol.)

Préparation : 20 minutes

Cuisson : 1h15

Ingrédients :

- 2 citrons
- 2 tasses de patates, coupées en dés
 - o La quantité peut varier selon le montant de gens que vous servez. Mais attention, ne vous attendez pas à ce qu'il y ait des restants !
- 1 poulet à rôtir
- 2-3 saucisses chorizo, coupées en tranches sur la diagonale
 - o Que votre préférence soit chorizo ou chaud-rizo, ça ne dérange pas pour la recette
- Huile d'olive
- Herbes de votre choix (moi j'aime bien les herbes de Provence)
- Sel et poivre

Instructions :

- 1) Préchauffer le four à 425°.
- 2) Placer les citrons et les patates dans une casserole avec de l'eau et faire bouillir environ 5 minutes.
- Note : La dernière fois que j'ai fait la recette, j'ai oublié de faire bouillir les patates, et elles étaient bien bonnes quand même. Alors, c'est à vous.
- 3) Égoutter et percer les citrons un peu partout à l'aide d'une fourchette.
- 4) Fourrer le poulet avec les citrons (en s'assurant d'enlever le foie et le cœur si ce n'est pas déjà fait).
- 5) Placer les patates et les saucisses au fond d'un plat à rôtir avec un peu d'huile d'olive.

- 6) Placer le poulet sur le lit de patates et de saucisses et assaisonner le tout à l'aide des herbes et du sel et poivre.
- 7) Verser un peu (1 cuillère à thé environ) d'huile d'olive sur un morceau de papier parchemin pouvant couvrir le poulet. Répandre l'huile et placer le papier par-dessus le poulet, prenant soin de bien le couvrir.

Pourquoi, me demandez vous ? Le papier parchemin est placé pour empêcher que le poulet brunisse trop rapidement. Si vous aimez ça bien croustillant, par contre, sentez-vous libres de délaisser cette étape. Mais considérez-vous prévenus ; je n'accepterai aucune responsabilité pour les conséquences.

- 8) Faire cuire pendant environ 1h. Ensuite, si vous le désirez, enlevez le papier parchemin pour un poulet doré.
- 9) Laisser au four encore un autre 10 minutes environ. Attention, le temps de cuisson n'est pas une science exacte. Après 1h de cuisson, assurez-vous de vérifier votre poulet pour éviter qu'il soit trop ou pas assez cuit. Normalement, on met 20 minutes par livre, mais ça peut varier selon votre four.
- 10) Servir le poulet avec les patates et saucisses et bien déguster ! Olé !

Recommandation pour accompagnements : Des haricots verts ou du brocoli cuit à la vapeur, une salade (voir le numéro de la semaine dernière), des tomates et piments arrosés d'huile d'olive et de vinaigre balsamique. Mettez de la couleur dans votre assiette !

Melt-in-your-mouth Peanut Butter Cups

I once had a fridge magnet that said "when the going gets tough, the tough eats chocolate." I've never quite figured out what that means, but I know that chocolate is my go-to whenever I need a sweet treat (if Emma hasn't baked me anything that week). These homemade peanut butter cups have none of the fun products like soy lecithin or PGBR (not to be confused with Professor Leckey's P.O.G.G.) found in the store-bought variety.

If you bring them to a potluck, you'll be more popular than Michael Shortt at exam time. You'll get better reviews than Professor Weinstock's Foundations plenary. These are not to be missed!

Prep Time: 20 minutes + chill time (an hour if by the window, less if in the fridge).

Yield: anywhere from 8 to 2 dozen, depending on the size.

Ingredients (peanut butter part)

½ cup peanut butter
½ cup icing sugar (more if needed)
1 tbsp butter (less if feeling healthy, soften it in microwave if hard)
Generous pinch of salt (sea salts work well, and gives it a little crunch!)
Peanuts to garnish (if desired)

Ingredients (chocolate part)

Approximately 1.5 cups chocolate chips (you can combine semi-sweet/dark/milk)
½ cup peanut butter

Other kitchen items required:

Regular or miniature muffin cups

Instructions

1. Mash the “peanut butter part” ingredients and set aside.

2. Taking care not to burn, melt the chocolate chips and the peanut butter together in a small pot over low-ish heat. You can do this in the microwave, too.

3. a) Using a tablespoon, plop (technical term) a bit of chocolate into each muffin cup. Use the spoon to spread out the mixture on the bottom of the cup ; it should be a few millimeters thick.

b) Using a teaspoon, plop a bit of the peanut butter mixture onto the chocolate. Vary the amount according to your personal preference.

c) Using the tablespoon, plop and gently spread enough chocolate mixture to cover the peanut butter. Press down with the underside of the spoon to flatten, and top with a peanut or two.

Chill until ready to serve.

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BOB LOBLAW'S LAW BLOG

PEACE, ORDER AND (SEMI-) GOOD GOVERNMENT

Like many other organizations, our venerable Law Students Association™ has something it refers to as a “constitution.” According to my learned (albeit theatrically-challenged) colleague, Dr. Bob Loblaw (QC, YOLO), the Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines a constitution as “the system of beliefs and laws by which a country, state or organization is governed.”

As we – law students -- know all too well, Canada has a constitution of its own. Since it was repatriated from our kindly British overlords in 1982, this document has proven exceedingly difficult to modify in even the most trivial of ways.

It is a deeply entrenched framework for our political and legal institutions. Indeed, it is so deeply set in stone that even our anachronistic and utterly discredited senators can sleep easy at night, knowing the Upper House is safe from the meddling, grimy hands of opportunistic governments, seeking to score easy political points by orchestrating a constitutional drive-by hit.

The LSA’s constitution is not quite so deeply entrenched as all that. In fact, if what I have seen over the last three years is any indication, our student association’s constitution is about as deeply rooted as the Prairie soil during a Depression-era wind-storm.

Actually, I exaggerate. Our LSA constitution is far less entrenched

than all that blowing dust.

Dr. Loblaw is unsurprised. As he recently observed, “Law students never met a constitutional amendment they didn’t like.” It almost seems a fetish, given the rate at which these amendments are proposed.

The LSA executive recently announced it would conduct a “dialogue” on yet another series of constitutional amendments, these dealing with electoral reform.

It is difficult to know precisely what the LSA has in mind here. To date, we have seen nothing in the Quid Novi outlining (let alone explaining) what form these amendments would take, or what they hope to address. This seems a rather glaring communications oversight, given the Quid’s glorious reach into the hearts and minds of the student body.

Dr. Loblaw did pass by an empty table in the Atrium one afternoon. Behind it, a blackboard announced that some mysterious person(s) from the LSA was available for Q&A consultations on the proposed amendments. But Bob must have missed the rush, as tumbleweeds were blowing around the table by the time he got to it.

I suspect the proposed electoral amendments may have some-

thing to do with the fact that our current LSA president was elected by one vote over her nearest rival last spring, in a tight four-way race. At the time, many called this an unacceptably close nail-biter. I called it democracy.

Such inconvenient messiness is the beauty of the so-called first-past-the-post electoral system. Does it need fixing? Did the president's narrow margin of victory confer on her any less political legitimacy than she would have garnered, had the result been a landslide? I say no. In a democracy there can only be one winner, and it's winner take all.

That said, this particular issue may not be on the LSA's agenda at all. Based on what Dr. Loblaw and I have gleaned from the heavens, it seems that the executive is more concerned about the effects of new technologies on the campaigning process – mainly social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter and all the rest.

While new technologies are interesting, we fail to see why they need be addressed – let alone governed – by the LSA. At times, our association seems composed of heavy-handed technocrats, hell-bent on chaperoning candidates through every stage of the electoral process.

Thus our question: Do any of the electoral issues to be addressed in the LSA's proposed amendments really need fixing? We are reminded of some clever media pundit's recent observation about Québec's proposed Charter of Values: "It is a solution in need of a problem." It strikes us that the LSA's desire to tinker (yet again) with its constitution and electoral policies is very much in the same vein.

Indeed, we have never heard a groundswell of support for any constitutional modifications, electoral or otherwise. We very much doubt any of them were "bottom up" ideas, generated by the unwashed student masses at the Annual General Assembly, or elsewhere.

Again, Dr. Loblaw and I will admit to being somewhat in the dark as to the LSA's exact intentions here. But again, we will repeat that the LSA, in the best tradition of the LSA, has done a poor job of communicating its intentions to students on this matter.

No Quid articles. Nothing in the online Notice Board behind vague generalities. A table in the Atrium, when most students rush through this no-man's-land of "empty space" as quickly as possible, unless an inviting coffeehouse beckons. And, best of all, an invitation from the VP-Administration to provide "input" into the proposed amendments via email, despite the fact that nobody beyond the LSA actually seems to know what these amendments are.

It's like being asked for an answer, without having first been told the question. This is less the "Socratic method" than the "speculative method."

There was a meeting of LSA council on Monday evening, Feb.

3rd, at which the proposed amendments were to be deliberated and voted on. Although this column went to press before that meeting, Dr. Loblaw wishes to hazard a reckless guess, and assume the draft amendments were passed with little or no modification.

What is the next stop for this mysterious runaway train? The draft amendments will be presented to the student body for approval in a referendum, likely to be held simultaneously with the LSA general election in early-to-mid March. This will likely be the first time 95% of students have ever heard the LSA was planning to rejig its constitution, yet again.

Dr. Loblaw, incurable cynic that he is, suspects most of the proposed amendments are the end product of a bored LSA executive with "a solution in need of a problem."

But for those convinced future elections may be stolen by the insidious forces of darkness if electoral reform is not undertaken NOW, here are a few quick observations from your friendly neighbourhood armchair critic – a guy who's run in his fair share of elections over the years:

1. Elections are not unduly manipulated by social media. It is a cheap, easy and effective public access tool. Let the candidates (and the electorate) access it to their hearts' content.
2. Money is what manipulates and corrupts elections. The use of money to win votes should essentially be banned, beyond the cost (i.e. almost nothing) of producing the minuscule number of posters (less than 10) that candidates are allowed to post around the Faculty.
3. Prohibiting campaigning on election day? Who cares! Honestly. Everybody's long since made up their minds by then. Keep the candidates 50 meters away from the polling stations – beyond that, hey! Anything goes.
4. Beating, maiming, or desecrating candidates (and/or their posters) should be strictly forbidden, even if said candidate includes constitutional amendments in his/her platform.

And that's about it.

For the number of times the LSA insists on fiddling with its so-called "constitution," it might as well not refer to it as a constitution at all. A more accurate term would be "by-laws," or better still, "guidelines" (because even by-laws can be kind of pesky to modify).

The whole idea of a constitution is that it represents a shared set of values and procedures that are somewhat timeless in their use and applicability – not subject to the endlessly shifting winds of capricious LSA whim.

Give us peace, order, and (semi-) good government. Oh, and a few decent coffeehouses. And then leave us alone – constitutional amendments be damned.



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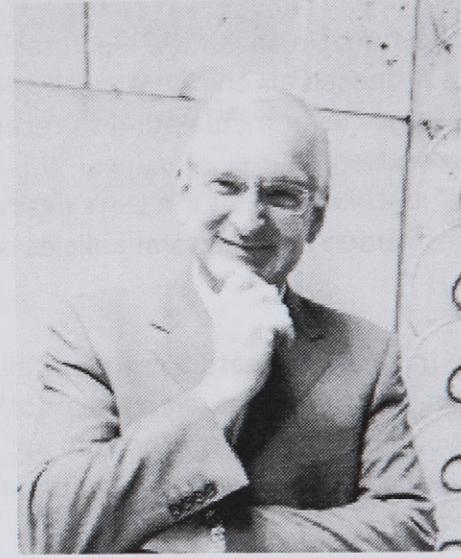
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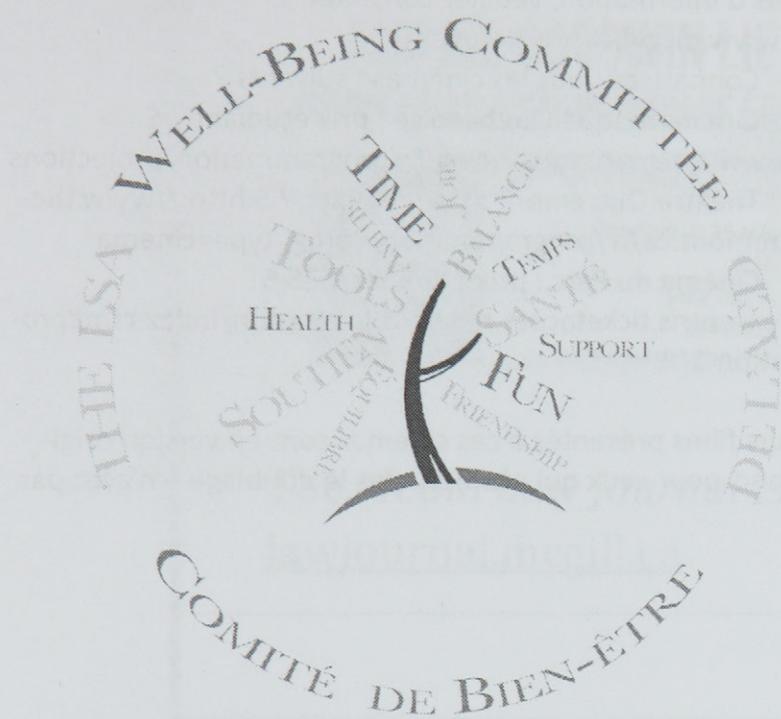
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WE ❤ FEBRUARY



February is already a turning door with the hope of warmer days. February is also, of course, synonymous with love (not only factums and course aux stages deadlines...). And so I dare you in the following weeks to take a look around you and to be thankful for all the love and greatness surrounding us every day at the faculty. Take the time to tell your friends and classmates that you love and appreciate them. Help each other out, you will both benefit from it in the short and long run. Share the love & your knowledge!

Sur une autre note, février est également le mois de l'Amour avec un grand A. Si vous êtes assez chanceux pour avoir trouvé votre douce-moitié, prenez le temps, malgré les stéréotypes parfois exagérés du 14 février, de célébrer cet amour. Il est très précieux. Si cette année n'est pas la bonne pour vous, alors partagez ce moment avec d'autres qui vous aiment. Cet amour est également très précieux.

Valentine's day is only a day to remind us of the celebration of Love. This month, I dare you to celebrate every day, may it be love for a sport, a friend, a classmate, or even a class.

Tips, tips and more tips from the Student Well-Being Committee!

- Feeling cold? Make sure to check out the Winter Coat Project! Chaplaincy Services has this amazing project that offers

free, lightly used winter clothes to students. They have hats, gloves, scarves, boots... everything you can imagine to make your winter more cozy and warm. Got too MUCH warm stuff? They are always looking for winter clothes donations – bring 'em down! If you would like to pay them a visit, they are located on the 4th floor of the Brown Building.

- Ressentez-vous l'envie de rester équilibrés ce semestre? Informez-vous auprès de Passport Prana (<http://passportto-prana.com>) qui pour 35\$ vous offre un cours à plus de 30 studios de yoga! Une piastre par cours – c'est pas pire!
- Feed your mind! This new semester please make sure you're eating well! Foods that are nutritious (fruits, veggies, & the infamous Omega-3s!) improve memory and sleep. Don't have time to cook? Check out:
 - o Your Own Cooking Collective – team up with some of your fellow law students for an evening of cooking. Each person prepares one freezable large meal. At the end of the evening, everyone takes home a couple of meals to stick in the freezer! For recipe ideas see:
<http://www.marthastewart.com/274277/freezer-friendly-foods#263727>
 - o The People's Potato – a free community, vegan lunch served 12 – 12:30 Monday to Friday at 1455 de Maisonneuve West on the 7th floor
 - o Fresh Mint – a new Montreal business delivering "wholesome world cuisine in under 30 minutes" – for under \$9!

Check out: <http://freshmint.com?kid=2DZZH>

- o P.S. Did you know that PA delivers? For more information please see:
<http://www.supermarchepa.com/eng/services/order-online.html>

- Feeling sad? Don't worry you are not the only one! Studies have shown that the number of law students with depression, anxiety, hostility and depression are 8 to 15 times that of the general population. If you are having more sad days than happy ones, it might be time to get help. McGill Mental Health Clinic offers psychological and psychiatric services in a secure, non-judgmental space for students of all orientations and backgrounds. They can be reached at 514-398-6019 and they are located on the 5th floor of the Brown Building.
- Enfin, assurez-vous de profiter de Montréal! Oui, nous le savons tous, ce semestre vient de commencer et vous avez beaucoup de choses à faire. Mais, s'il vous plaît, prenez le temps d'explorer cette ville magnifique qui vous offre tant de possibilités! Voici quelques suggestions :

o Montréal en lumière: Du 20 février au 2 mars, ce festival d'hiver fournit un mélange exceptionnel d'arts de la scène, de gastronomies et des activités extérieures gratuites. Ne ratez surtout pas la fameuse Nuit blanche! Pour plus d'information veuillez voir : <http://www.montrealenlumiere.com/accueil.aspx>

o Saviez-vous que l'École de musique Schulich offre des billets à prix abordable? En fait, certaines présentations sont même gratuites! Donc, gâtez-vous un peu ce mois de février ! Pour plus d'information, veuillez consulter :
<http://www.mcgill.ca/music/events>

- o Connaissez-vous les cinémas* suivants ?
 - Cinémathèque Québécoise : prix étudiant 7 \$ <http://www.cinematheque.qc.ca/fr/programmation/projections>
 - Théâtre Outremont : tarif régulier 7 \$ http://www.theatreoutremont.ca/fr/programmation/?prog_type=cinema
 - Cinéma du Parc : prix étudiant 9.25 \$ <https://excentris.ticketacces.net/fr/organisation/index.cfm#programmation-1>

*Plusieurs films présentés à ces cinémas sont en version originale! Donc, pour ceux qui n'aiment pas le doublage – n'ayez pas peur!

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**STEPHANIE
JULES**

DARLING,
SOME spoken words must fall into deaf ears. Don't you dare
cling to these words, this rumour that you can only go as far as
you are going to. That your sky is finite, your horizon limited.
That your growth and your dreams are unachievable goals.

Oh please, who on earth can decide that your future is inhibited?
No one but you my dear, no one but your own self!

See this word "you"? Cherish it in all its form! Hell make it a verb
and conjugate it! It's Your time, its Your dream, its Your path, its
Your life and You will see Yourself through it!

Rise, shine and make the best of the time that is given to you.

Don't you dare justify your falling into an abyss because something went wrong once. One time does not rule your life my love.
Please! Everyone has her own demons to fight, her own fears to overcome and her own pain to heal.

Do not give up because something once fell through the cracks and is now lost forever.

DARLING

Do not give up because somebody once broke your heart. A broken heart knows love the best.

This is your life. You owe it.
Life does not owe you.
Own it, make it yours.
Cherish it, because it's yours.
Nurture it, it's your reflexion.

An obstacle is just a wall that blocks your path. It does not mean that your road is blocked.

Hell no my darling!

You can climb over it,
you can dig under it,
you can chip through it,
you can go around it
or you can move it!

But you should not, cannot, let it decide that your dream is unachievable!

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**AARON
FERGIE**

I recently read a photo journal telling the story of a group of drug addicts: a rich Manhattan man, thinking to earn a little money and perhaps contribute a little charity to the world, let an addict stay in one of his rooms. The rich man was quickly hooked and pretty soon the whole luxury apartment became a drug den for an assortment of addicts eking out their survival. They were evicted, and the photo journalist tracked their separate paths.

Some of the addicts fell steadily towards an early grave, their veins blackened and blocked to the point where finding a suitable injection site became a process of self-mutilation in itself; others managed to find ever so brief patches of solace in the midst of their struggles with the cycle of rehab and relapse; others still gave birth to oh so fragile but hopeful new lives.

This is humanity: a complex process of simultaneous growth and

decay.

Why is it that a snatch of sun in all our great fragility gives us the moral high ground? The right to pity? The right to say that we can (or can't) understand?

Do you believe you stand alone?

Who reaches the light stands on centuries of growth. No matter how deep the roots or wide the trunk, the fungi too have their day, leaving a sunlit portal in the otherwise dense canopy, where new undergrowth strive towards the sky. Who reaches the light stands on centuries of decay.

So seek solace in the great edifice of law—bastion of permanence in this ephemeral world. But in time I ask, "Who can say?"

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Michael Shortt



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The Student Well-Being Committee Spreading love... summary by summary.



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LIBRARY NEWS

> **NEW Database: Annotated Leading Cases of International Criminal Tribunals**

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> **New Exhibit in Honour of Professor Rod Macdonald**

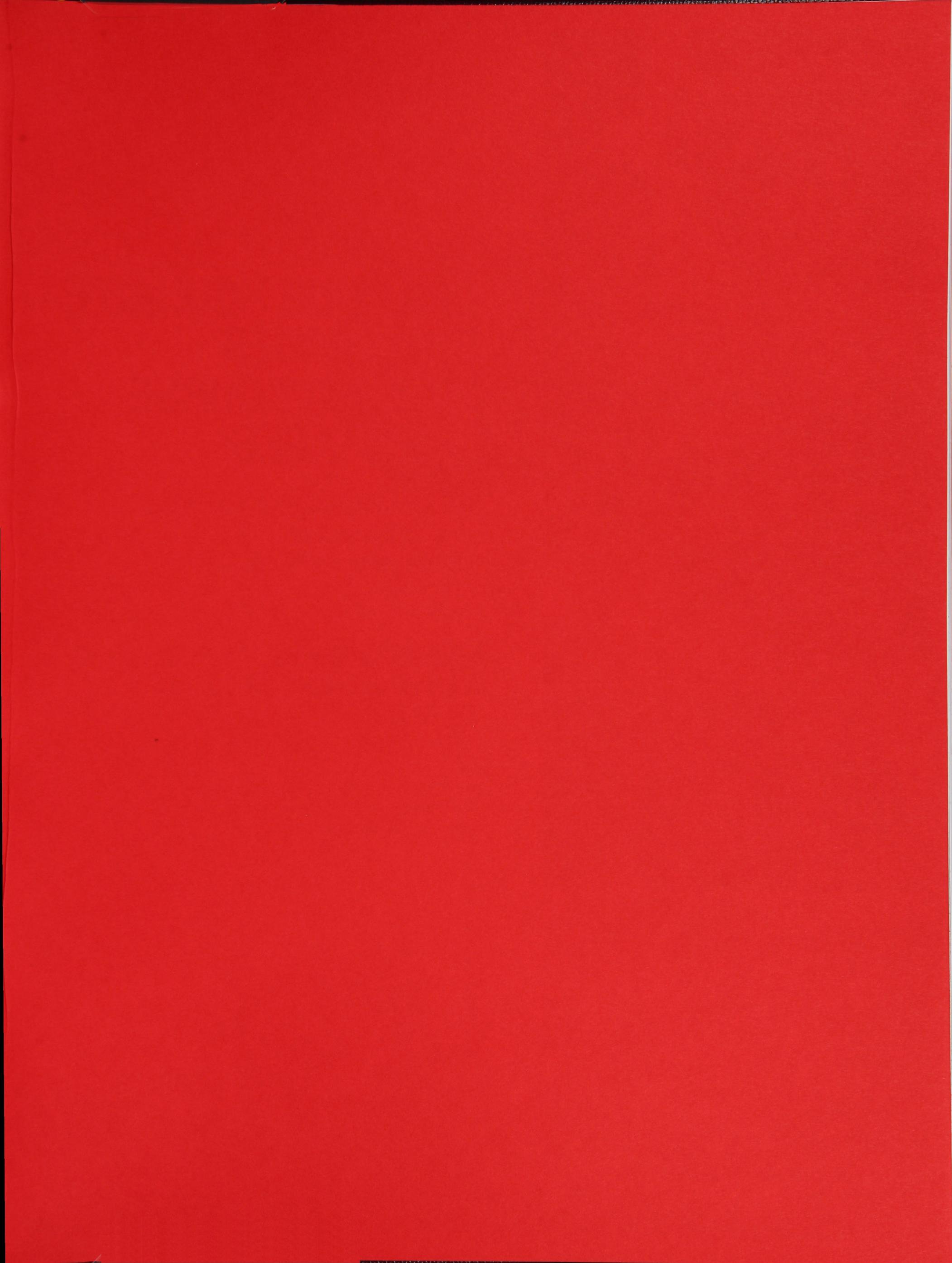
As of this week, we have a new book exhibition in the Law Library. This display is themed to the symposium The Unbounded Level of the Mind: Rod Macdonald's Legal Imagination that will take place at the Faculty of Law February 7-8, 2014. The exhibit features a selection of texts by Rod Macdonald, written during his career.

To mirror the symposium, the exhibit showcases most of the texts that will be discussed over its course and is organized around six symposium's themes: Kaleidoscopic Federalism, Producing Fairness, Pluralizing the Subject, The Priority of Distributive Justice, Contextualizing Governance, and Pursuing Virtue.

All the texts featured at the exhibit are available in electronic format at the symposium's webpage: <http://www.mcgill.ca/macdonald-symposium/>

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